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PASS TO DR. W ARON, OFFICE OF ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION, NOAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION - INTERNATIONAL
WHALING COMMISSION (IWC)

IWC HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO TELEGRAPH TO DR. ARON THE
FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM ITS CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO
CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS OF DECEMBER 20:

1. AT THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN TOKYO, 6-7 DEC 1977,
THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE
SCHEDULE DATED NOVEMBER 1977.

PARAGRAPH 11: AMEND TO READ (NEW WORDING IN QUOTES):

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 8 THE
TAKING OF 10 HUMPBACK WHALES NOT BELOW 35 FEET (10.7
METRES) IN LENGTH PER YEAR IS PERMITTED IN GREENLAND
WATER PROVIDED THAT WHALE CATCHERS OF LESS THAN 50 GROSS
REGISTER TONNAGE ARE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND THE
TAKING OF GRAY WHALES, "AND OF BOWHEAD WHALES FROM THE
BERING SEA STOCK,"BY ABORIGINES OR A CONTRACTING
GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF ABORIGINES IS PERMITTED, BUT
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ONLY WHEN THE MEAT AND PRODUCTS OF SUCH WHALES ARE TO
BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION BY THE
ABORIGINES "AND FURTHER PROVIDED, WITH RESPECT TO THE
BERING SEA STOCK OF BOWHEAD WHALES THAT:"

(A) "IN 1978, HUNTING SHALL CEASE WHEN EITHER 18 -
HAVE BEEN STRUCK OR 12 LANDED,"

(B) "IT IS FORBIDDEN TO STRIKE, TAKE OR KILL CALVES
OR ANY BOWHEAD WHALE ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF."

2. THESE AMENDMENTS BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO
EACH CONTRACTING GOVERNMENT NINETY DAYS FOLLOWING THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE V OF THE
CONVENTION, UNLESS ANY CONTRACTING GOVERNMENT LODGES
AN OBJECTION; IN WHICH CASE THE PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE
V, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE FOLLOWED.

3. THE NINETY DAYS PERIOD WILL EXPIRE AT MID-DAY ON
20 MARCH 1978. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS BY THAT
DATE THE AMENDMENTS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE. CONTRACTING
GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

4. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER, A COPY
OF WHICH IS BEING SENT TO EACH COMMISSIONER. SIGNED:
DR. R. GAMBELL, SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION.

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